

## **Amendments to the Claims**

1. (previously presented) An apparatus including:

an automated banking machine network,

wherein the network includes a plurality of automated banking machines,

wherein each automated banking machine includes a plurality of  
currency cassettes,

wherein each cassette is operative to hold currency therein,

wherein each cassette includes at least one data indicator,

wherein each data indicator includes data  
representative of a characteristic of cassette  
currency,

wherein each automated banking machine includes at least one  
cassette reader,

wherein the at least one cassette reader is operative to  
remotely read the data of a data indicator without contact  
therebetween,

wherein the network is operative to track the amount of currency in at least  
one of the automated banking machines.

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45. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the network can track the  
amount of currency in each automated banking machine in the network.

46. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 45 wherein the network can  
determine the amount of currency in the network.

47. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 46 wherein the network is operative  
to provide currency information in real time.

48. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the network includes at  
least one computer.

49. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 48 wherein each automated banking machine includes at least one computer.

50. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 49 wherein the network is operative to communicate with each automated banking machine.

51. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 50 wherein the communication involves the Internet.

52. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein at least one data indicator includes data representative of the value of currency in a cassette.

53. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein at least one data indicator includes data representative of the amount of currency in a cassette.

54. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the at least one cassette reader is operative to remotely read the data of a data indicator using a radio frequency.

55. (previously presented) A method including:

- (a) providing an automated banking machine network including a plurality of automated banking machines, wherein each automated banking machine includes a plurality of currency cassettes, wherein each cassette includes at least one data

indicator, wherein each data indicator includes data representative of a characteristic of cassette currency;

- (b) remotely reading the data of the data indicators of at least one automated banking machine;
- (c) determining the amount of currency in at least one of the automated banking machines.

56. (previously presented) The method according to claim 55 wherein (b) includes remotely reading the data of each data indicator of each automated banking machine.

57. (previously presented) The method according to claim 56 wherein (c) includes determining the amount of currency in each of the automated banking machines using the data read in (b).

58. (previously presented) The method according to claim 57 and further including

- (d) determining the amount of currency in the network.

59. (previously presented) The method according to claim 58 wherein (d) includes tracking the amount of currency in the network in real time.

60. (previously presented) The method according to claim 55 wherein each automated banking machine includes at least one cassette reader, wherein the at least one cassette reader is operative to remotely read the data of a data indicator without contact therebetween, and wherein (b) includes remotely reading the data of each data indicator of each automated banking machine without contact between a data indicator and a cassette reader.

61. (previously presented) The method according to claim 60 wherein the at least one cassette reader is operative to remotely read the data of a data indicator using radio frequency, and wherein (b) includes remotely reading the data of each data indicator of each automated banking machine using radio frequency.

62. (previously presented) The method according to claim 55 wherein the network includes a host computer, wherein each automated banking machine includes a computer, and further including

- (d) communicating between the host computer and at least one automated banking machine computer.

63. (new) Apparatus including:

an automated teller machine ("ATM") network,

wherein the network includes a host computer,

wherein the network includes a plurality of ATMs,

wherein each ATM includes an ATM computer,

wherein each ATM includes a plurality of currency cassettes,

wherein each cassette is operative to hold currency therein,

wherein each cassette includes at least one data indicator,

wherein each cassette includes a data indicator  
including data representative of an amount of  
currency in the cassette,

wherein each ATM includes at least one cassette reader,

wherein the at least one cassette reader is operative to  
remotely read the data of a data indicator without contact  
therebetween,

wherein the at least one cassette reader is in operative  
connection with the ATM computer,

wherein each ATM computer is operative to communicate  
currency amount information to the host computer,

wherein the host computer is operative to determine the amount of  
currency in the network in real time.